

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 59

Introduced by Senator Knight

July 1, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 59—Relative to the William J. “Pete” Knight Veterans Home.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 59, as amended, Knight. William J. “Pete” Knight Veterans Home of California-Lancaster.

This measure would recognize the location of the William J. “Pete” Knight Veterans Home of California-Lancaster in Los Angeles County along State Highway Route 14 (SR 14) near the exit for West Avenue “I” in the City of Lancaster and request the erection of 4 directional signs at that exit indicating the location of the home. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The William J. “Pete” Knight Veterans Home of
- 2 California-Lancaster ~~(Veterans Home)~~ *is (Veterans Home) is a*
- 3 ~~60-bed Residential Care Facility for the Elderly;~~ *residential care*
- 4 *facility for the elderly*, an assisted living facility that serves
- 5 veterans, where all health care needs, meals, transportation, and
- 6 activities for residents are provided in partnership with the VA
- 7 Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The Veterans Home was named in honor and
- 9 memory of the late Senator William J. “Pete” Knight, a former

1 United States Air Force Colonel who spent 32 years in dedicated
2 service to his country, flew more than 253 missions in Vietnam,
3 was a fighter pilot, test pilot, astronaut, and legislator, and who
4 was also considered one of the Veterans Home's strongest and
5 most vocal advocates when he served in the California State Senate;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Veterans Home is located in the picturesque
8 high-desert area of southern California, just off the Antelope Valley
9 Freeway (State Route 14), and is only an hour's drive north from
10 the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles; and

11 WHEREAS, The Veterans Home provides California veterans
12 with a living environment that protects their dignity and contributes
13 to their feeling of self-reliance and self-worth; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the
17 William J. "Pete" Knight Veterans Home of California-Lancaster
18 in Los Angeles County and its location along State Highway Route
19 14 (SR 14) near the exit for West Avenue "I" in the City of
20 Lancaster and requests the erection of four directional signs as
21 follows or as otherwise consistent with the signing requirements
22 for the state highway system: two of the signs, one northbound
23 and one southbound on SR 14, to be placed before the exit for
24 West Avenue "I" to read: "~~Senator William~~ "William J. "Pete"
25 Knight-Memorial Veterans Home, This Exit"; the other two signs
26 to be placed at the stop signs after exiting the freeway either
27 northbound or southbound to read: "~~Senator William~~ "William J.
28 "Pete" Knight-Memorial Veterans Home, Left Turn" and "~~Senator~~
29 ~~William~~ "William J. "Pete" Knight-Memorial Veterans Home,
30 Right Turn"; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
32 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
33 signing requirements for the state highway system and, upon
34 receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the
35 cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
37 this resolution to the ~~Department~~ *Director* of Transportation and
38 to the author for appropriate distribution.

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